



Immediate Press Release

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Bayfield School District

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**School District of Bayfield
Recruits for Senior Tax Exchange and Enhancement Program Participants**

The School District of Bayfield will once again offer School District of Bayfield senior citizens the opportunity to participate in the "Senior Tax Exchange & Enhancement Program".

Any senior citizen 62 years of age who resides in the School District of Bayfield qualifies.

A STEP applicant indicates the type of work and the amount of hours he/she desires. This information is matched with a staff member's job request which must be directly related to his/her primary area of responsibility. An interview will precede actual employment.

The compensation, which is \$7.25 per hour, (maximum of \$400) is dispersed via a two-party check made payable to the participant and their County Treasurer twice a year in the months of June or December. If the participant prefers gift cards for food, fuel, or hardware, they will also be distributed twice a year in the months of July or January.

STEP provides seniors tax relief, firsthand look at schools, transition from full-time to part-time work, opportunity to learn, positive social environment, cross generational experience, and opportunity to utilize their skills.

STEP provides students cross generational experience, increased one-on-one learning experiences, and increased social and emotional support.

STEP provides staff improved support from retired members of the community, opportunity to demonstrate the "good things" schools are doing, opportunity to increase community awareness of the changes in our schools, and more help in and out of classrooms.

STEP provides the community with an additional resource to help children be responsible citizens.

Application requests or questions regarding the STEP program should contact Sheila Kelly, STEP Coordinator at (715) 779-3201 extension 100.